(d) what are the reasons for time and cost overruns relating to this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) capital investment of Rs. 108.74 crores was sanctioned for setting up facilities at Dehradun within a time-frame of 36 months. The project of setting up the factory has been completed in December 1993. Manufacture in the factory commenced in 1988-89.

(c) and (d) The expenditure incurred is Rs. 107.14 crores (provisional figure). The delay in setting up some or the facilities was due to some mid-course changes in the scope of the project and difficulties experienced in procurement of imported plant and machinery.

DOEACC Control Centre

4131. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DOEACC Control Centre functions under the Department of Electronics, and if so, what is the exact status of the Centre and the functions assigned to it;

(b) who are the main functionaries of the DOEACC and their main terms of appointment together with the emoluments being paid to them; and

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Times of India of 17th June, 1994 alleging that some computer training institutes had been derecognized by the DOE-ACC, and if so, whether the Department of Electronics has authorised the Centre to recognise any institution and if not, whether the newspaper report has been contradicted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Courses (DOE ACC) Control Centre has been set up to implement the DOE-ACC, a voluntary Scheme under which private sector training institutions meeting the defined quality and service standards are given provisional accreditation for conducting specified level of computer courses. It has been decided to convert the DOEACC Control Centre as a Society under the Society Registration Act 1860.

(b) The DOEACC Control Centre has 4 officers and 12 staff. They have been appointed on contract basis; their emoluments are between Rs. 2,000/-and Rs. 6,000/- per month depending on the status of the employees and the nature of work.

(c) The Government of India is aware of the news item published in the Times of India of 17th June, 1994 under the caption "18 NIIT branches derecognized". The Department of Electronics has withdrawn the provisional accreditations granted to 46 Computer Training Institutions including 18 NIIT branches for conducting 'O' level course under DOEACC Scheme. The grant of provisional accreditation as well as withdrawal of accreditation of the computer training institutes for conducting courses under DOEACC Scheme is done by the Department of Electronics. The DOEACC Control Centre issues letters on behalf of the Department of Electronics.

The Department of Electronics issued the following clarification through Press Information Bureau on 21.7.1994:

Provisionally Accredited Institutes should not use the terms such as, Institute recognised or accredited by the Department of Electronics, Govt. of India because it is the course that is accredited and not the Institute.

Expenditure by Department of Electronics on Advertising

4132. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *ALIAS* MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by the Department of Electronics on